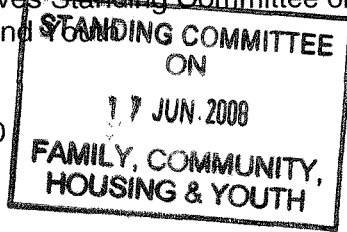


Committee Secretary  
Inquiry into Better Support for Carers  
House of Representatives Standing Committee on Family,  
Community, Housing and Youth  
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Submission No. 84  
(Inq into better support for carers)

A.O.C. 23/6/08

Dear Secretary

I wish to make a submission to the House of Representatives Standing Committee on Family, Community, Housing and Youth's Inquiry into Better Support for Carers.

I am submitting to the Inquiry because...

I am a Carer for my Mother, who is reliant upon services for elderly people staying in their own homes as long as possible.

More information is attached on a separate sheet

**1. The role and contribution of carers in society**

As a carer, I feel that my role is...

to ensure my Mother obtains the best quality of life in her deteriorating & ongoing medical conditions.

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**2. The barriers to social and economic participation for carers**

As a carer, I face the following problems ...

limited services offered through local Council aged care packages and reliance on following up with assistance when required for my Mother, being at call for her needs 24 hrs. per day.

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**3. The practical measures required to better support carers**

As a carer, I need help with ...

ongoing assistance from LINKAGES  
LACRAE from Bayside Council, and  
a Case Manager always available  
for my Mother's ongoing needs.

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**4. Strategies to assist carers to access opportunities and choices**

I think the Government can better help carers by ...

Publicising a greater awareness through  
different media (eg: tv, radio, local  
papers) of the ongoing issues carers  
face on a daily level, + subsequent  
financial assistance required to  
maintain carers' needs.

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Thank you for taking my views into consideration as part of the Committee's Inquiry. I look forward to reviewing any recommendations you make to improve life for carers in Australia.

Yours sincerely

DEBORAH

Print your name

9/06/08

Date